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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

Election/Restrictions

Due to the numerous variables in the claims, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, X, etc. . . . and their widely divergent meanings, a precise listing of inventive groups can not be made. The following groups are exemplary:

Group I claims 1-10, drawn to compounds of formula (I), a process of preparing compounds of formula (I), and a composition, wherein R1 is optionally substituted aryl; R2 is as defined except that R2 is not a group of the formula (VI); R3 is as defined except that R3 is not optionally substituted heterocyclyl; R4 is as defined except that R4 is not optionally substituted heteroaryl and at least one of R16 or R17 is other than hydrogen, therefore R16 and R17 do not form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring which optionally contains further heteroatoms, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached; R5, R6, and R7 are independently selected from hydrogen, a functional group or an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group, classified in class 548 and subclass 469+.

Group II claims 1-10 drawn to compounds of formula (I), a process of preparing compounds of formula (I), and a composition wherein R1 is optionally substituted aryl; R2 is as defined; R3 is as defined except that R3 is not optionally substituted heterocyclyl, R4 is NHSO₂R₁₅ and R₁₅ is thienyl substituted by pyridyl, R5, R6, and R7 are independently selected from hydrogen, a functional group or an optionally

Group III claims 1-10 drawn to compounds of formula (I), a process of preparing compounds of formula (I), and a composition wherein R1 is optionally substituted aryl; R2 is as defined; R3 is as defined except that R3 is not optionally substituted heterocyclyl; R4 is NHCOR15 and R15 is alkyl substituted by morpholinyl; R5, R6, and R7 are independently selected from hydrogen, a functional group or an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group, classified in class, classified in class 544 and subclass 106+.

Group IV claims 1-10 drawn to compounds of formula (I), a process of preparing compounds of formula (I), and a composition wherein R1 is optionally substituted aryl; R2 is as defined; R3 is as defined except that R3 is not optionally substituted heterocyclyl; R4 is NHCOR15 and R15 is alkyl substituted by piperazinyl; R5, R6, and R7 are independently selected from hydrogen, a functional group or an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group, classified in class 544 and subclass 358+.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Again, this list is not exhaustive, as a complete listing would be impossible to produce under the time constraints due to the sheer volume of subject matter instantly claimed. Therefore, Applicant may choose to elect a single invention by identifying another specific embodiment not listed in the exemplary groups of the invention and examiner will endeavor to group the same

The claims herein lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 and 13.2 since the

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special technical feature that defines a contribution over the prior art. The compounds claimed contain an indole ring containing variables R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, X, etc. . . which does not define a contribution over the prior art. The substituents on the ring vary and when taken as a whole result in vastly different compounds.

Accordingly, unity of invention is considered to be lacking a restriction of the invention in accordance with the rules of unity of invention is considered to be proper. Additionally, the vastness of the claimed subject matter and the complications in understanding the claimed subject matter imposes a burden on any examination of the claimed subject matter.

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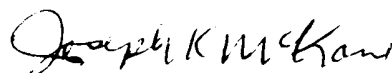
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